MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to Improve the Quality of Doordarshan and Akashvani programmes

2829. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

the details of the steps Government propose to take to improve the quality of the Doordarshan and Akashvani Programmes?

THE DEPUTY MIINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): All India Radio and Doordarshan are constantly striving to bring about a qualitative improvement in their programme format so as to sustain the interests of their listeners/ viewers. Some recent changes are the revised format of the news broadcast by All India Radio at 8.00/8.13 AM and the experimental telecast of the recordings of question hour in the two Houses.

[*Translation*]

Branch Post Offices in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh

2830. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new branch post offices, proposed to be set up in Rewa District of Madhya Pradesh during the current year;

(b) if so, when these will be set up and the names of proposed locations;

(c) whether it is proposed to connect the branch post office through telephones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). 16 proposals for opening of extra departmental branch post offices at the following places in Rewa district during the current year 1991-92 have been approved: 1) Sadhahna, 2) Basahath, 3) Matima, 4) Dodo, 5) Madri, 6) Dubhaikhurd, 7) Pathat, 8) Reruva, 9) Garha 137, 10) Chambagarh, 11) Deokhar, 12) Bansa, 13) Leda, 14) Teghra, 15) Bahuti, 16) Dhangan. Sanctions have been issued for opening Post Offices at places mentioned from Serial 1 to 7 and the sanction in the remaining cases are under issue.

(c) and (d). Department of Telecommunications has planned to provide telephone facilities in all panchayat villages progressively by the year 1995. The telephones to be provided under this scheme will be installed at post offices, grocer's shops or any other suitable locations accessible to public.

Buildings for Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh

2831. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether General Post Offices are functioning in small houses in Various villages of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government propose to construct buildings for these post offices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI

P.V. RANGYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. There is no General Post Office (GPO) functioning in any village in Uttar Pradesh in small houses or otherwise.

(b) and (c). In view of (a) above, these do not arise.

Welfare Schemes

2832. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:
SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of welfare schemes being operated by the Government in the country;

(b) the expenditure incurred on welfare schemes in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the district-wise targets fixed for these welfare schemes in Orissa and Uttra Pradesh during the above period and the district-wise achievements thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). This information is available in the Budget documents of the Central Government.

(c) This information would be available in the State Plan document of Orissa and Uttar Pradesh.

Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

2833. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh at preset, district-wise;

(b) whether the number of telegraph offices and post offices there are no comensurate with the population; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase their number during the last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONs (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) **Post offices**:- The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telegraph offices & Telephone Exchanges:- The information is furnished in respectively (Statement - I and Statement - II).

(b) **Post offices**:- The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telegraph offices:- Yes Sir, the number of Telegraph offices per lakh population in Uttar Pradesh is 3.6 as against the national average of 4.9 offices.

(c) **Post Offices**:- The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telegraph Offices:- During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91, 238 Telegraph Offices have been opened in the state.